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retrieved information and to modify the information by deleting information, adding additional information, or otherwise modifying the retrieved information. For example, the search engine interface 136 may remove select metatags from HTML documents, address information, or other specific information relating to documents in the content files 150. This modified information is then passed on to the search engine 160 in the indexing reply 270. In the above manner, the search engine interface 136 functions to limit or control access to the content files 150 by tightly controlling the populating of the search engine collections 166 (the information that is searched by the search engine 160), rather than allowing the search engine 160 full and direct access to the content files 150.

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2. Please substitute the following clean paragraph for the one beginning on page 16,
line 9:

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In the above examples, the modified search request 220 is created by adding on a restrictive term (i.e., the client search profile 214) to the search request 210. In an alternative embodiment, the search engine interface 136 is configured to be context sensitive to modify the search terms in the search request 210 to better suit information in the content files 150 or to control access. For example, the search engine interface 136 may be linked to a glossary database (not shown) that includes listing of terms used in the content files 150 that are similar to those that may be submitted by the clients 104, 110. In this example, the client may submit "server application" and the glossary database may include the term "servlet" for this phrase. The server engine interface 136 may be configured to replace the submitted search term with the more appropriate (e.g., accurate) search term. In more general terms, the search engine interface 136 is functional to control access to the search engine collection by modifying the received search request 210 in numerous ways to restrict access and/or to improve the searching efficiency.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claims for claims with like numbers.

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1. (Amended) A method for controlling access provided to a client to content files during an information search based on a client search profile, comprising: